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### **DETAILED ACTION**

The following action is in response to the IDS filed for application 10/773,443 on January 31, 2007.

#### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on January 31, 2007 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on December 1, 2006. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the examiner is considering the information disclosure statement.

The cited references have been considered. The published date of DE 10206202 A1, and the filing date of the U.S. equivalent thereof (Elser et al. US 6,855,806), do not date back further than the claimed foreign priority date of February 10, 2003 of the present application. Therefore the status of the application remains unchanged.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roger L. Pang whose telephone number is 571-272-7096. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30am to 4:00pm.

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